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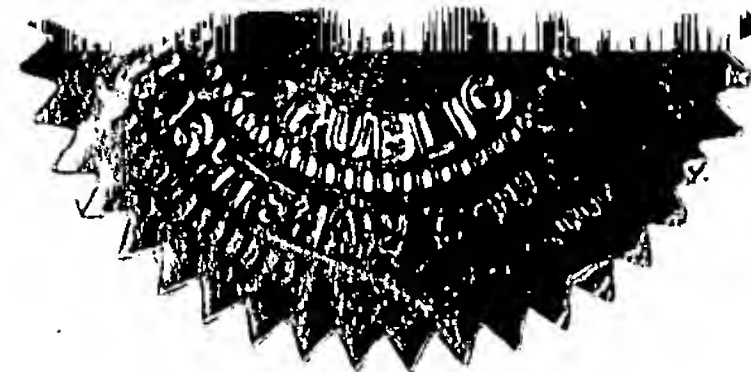
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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 12400-074 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">10/581820</div> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/013562 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 30 November 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 02 December 2003 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION Belt Retractor and Pretensioner Combination | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Thomas Schneider et al. | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An unsigned oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)) and/or amendments under Article 34. | | |
| Items 11 to 20 Below concern other document(s) or information included: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Return Receipt Postcard. | | |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/581820 <small>(If known see 37 C.F.R. 1.50)</small> | | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/013562 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 12400-074 | |
| The following fees are submitted: | | | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))\$300 | | | | \$300 | |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)\$0 All other situations\$200 | | | | \$200 | |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of the PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority\$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400 All other situations\$500 | | | | | |
| TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 = | | | | \$900 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof(round up to a whole number) | RATE | | |
| - 100 = | /50 = | | x \$250 | \$ | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)). | | | | \$ | |
| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | | |
| Total Claims | - 20 = | | x \$ 50.00 | \$ | |
| Independent Claims | - 3 = | | x \$ 200.00 | \$ | |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) if Applicable) | | | + \$360.00 | \$ | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$900 | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). | | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$900 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31), \$40.00 per property | | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$900 | |
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| | | | | charged | \$ |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$900.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. | | | | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. | | | | | |
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I, Raquel Fleming, Translation Department Manager of University Translators Services, LLC, (ATA NUMBER: 231264) attest to the fact and certify that this document has been officially translated into English from the German original as well as certify that the translation is true and accurate and that the translator is certified and competent.

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Signature

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Date

Raquel Fleming personally appeared before me on the 23rd day of May 2006 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Washtenaw County, U.S.A.

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